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In re Application of

Kazuyoshi TOKUNAGA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/942,995

Group Art Unit: 2625

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Examiner: Murphy, Dillon J.

For:

METHOD AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND PRINTING SYSTEM

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 through § 1.98 and pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following document cited in the Japanese Decision of Rejection dated April 20, 2007, issued in a counterpart foreign application, and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. A copy of the listed document is provided herewith. Additionally, an English language abstract for the listed document is also provided.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject

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matter claimed in the present application has been made, the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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This citation does not constitute an admission that the reference is relevant or material to the claims. The reference is cited only as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was the first citation of that item by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, which occurred not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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